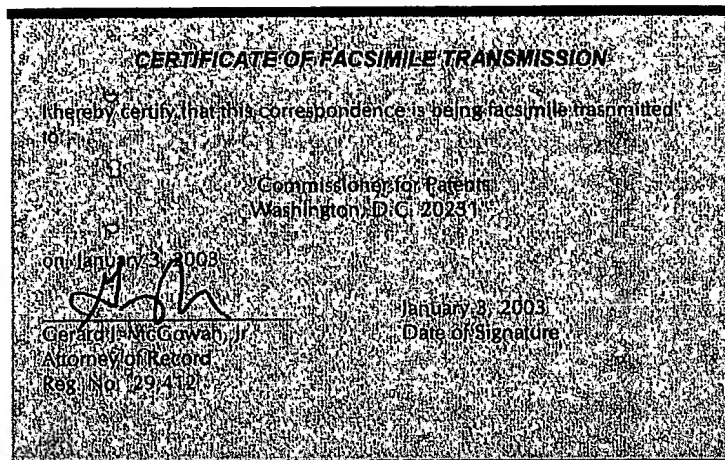


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to file an RCE for three months from October 8, 2002 to January 8, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

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